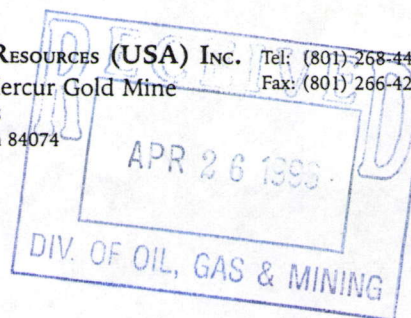




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April 22, 1996

Mr. Robert L. Morgan, P.E.
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Utah Division of Natural Resources
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Salt Lake City, UT 84116-3156

**Subject: Request for Permission to Construct - 1996 Reservation
Canyon Tailing Impoundment Expansion**

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Should you or your staff have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

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Shawn D. Davis
Construction Engineer

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